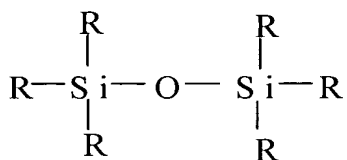


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What is claimed is:

1. A process for preparing a silicone compound, the process comprising reacting (A) a silicon compound having silicon-bonded hydrolyzable groups selected from the group consisting of (i) alkoxy groups and (ii) silicon-bonded aryloxy groups and (B) a disiloxane compound
- 10 having the formula:



- 15 wherein R is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group or a hydrogen atom, in the presence of (C) a carboxylic acid, (D) an acid catalyst, and (E) a carboxylic anhydride.

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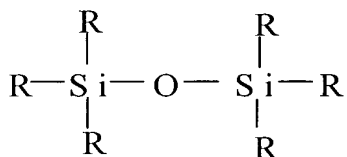
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2. The process according to claim 1, wherein the mole ratio of component (B) to the hydrolyzable groups of component (A) is from 0.5 to 1.0.
3. The process according to claim 1, wherein the acid catalyst is selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, and a perfluoroalkanesulfonic acid.
4. The process according to claim 1, wherein the carboxylic anhydride is selected from the group consisting of acetic anhydride and propionic anhydride.
5. The process according to claim 1, wherein the mole ratio of component (E) to component (C) is from 0.5 to 1.0.
6. The process according to claim 1, wherein component (E) is added while component (A) and component (B) are reacting in the presence of component (C) and component (D).
7. A process for preparing a silicone compound, the process comprising reacting (F) a silicon compound having silicon-bonded acyloxy groups and (B) a disiloxane compound having the formula:

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- wherein R is an unsubstituted or substituted monovalent hydrocarbon group or a hydrogen atom, in the presence of (D) an acid catalyst, (E) a carboxylic anhydride, and (G) an alcohol.
8. The process according to claim 7, wherein the mole ratio of component (B) to acyloxy groups of component (F) is from 0.5 to 1.0.
  9. The process according to claim 7, wherein the acid catalyst is selected from the group consisting of hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, and a perfluoroalkanesulfonic acid.
  10. The process according to claim 7, wherein the carboxylic anhydride is selected from the group consisting of acetic anhydride and propionic anhydride.
  11. The process according to claim 7, wherein the mole ratio of component (E) to component (G) is from 0.5 to 1.0.
  12. The process according to claim 7, wherein component (E) is added while component (F) and component (B) are reacting in the presence of component (G) and component (D).